

Committee on Ways and Means

The Tax Relief and Health Care Act of 2006

Overview of Tax and Other Provisions

EXTENSION AND MODIFICATION OF CERTAIN TAX RELIEF PROVISIONS

- The *Tax Relief and Health Care Act of 2006* provides an extension through 2007 of numerous provisions, such as the deduction for state and local sales taxes, that expired at the end of 2005 or will expire at the end of 2006. In addition, a number of provisions, such as the Research and Development Tax Credit and the Work Opportunity Tax Credit, have been enhanced to provide more valuable incentives and additional tax relief.
- This extension provides for a “seamless” extension of those provisions that expired at the end of 2005 and gives taxpayers certainty through 2007.

EXTENSION OF CERTAIN EXPIRING ENERGY PROVISIONS AND OTHER ENERGY PROVISIONS

- The *Tax Relief and Health Care Act of 2006* provides an extension through 2008 of numerous energy provisions that will expire at the end of 2007. This extension provides taxpayers certainty through 2008. The *Tax Relief and Health Care Act of 2006* also contains a package of other energy provisions.

HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNT PROVISIONS

- The *Tax Relief and Health Care Act of 2006* also contains a package of provisions designed to improve Health Savings Accounts (HSAs).

OTHER TAX RELIEF PROVISIONS

- The *Tax Relief and Health Care Act of 2006* also contains a package of other tax provisions designed to provide additional tax relief and certainty to taxpayers.

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

- The *Tax Relief and Health Care Act of 2006* also contains a package of miscellaneous provisions, including provisions regarding the exploration of the Outer Continental Shelf and a package of modifications to the Abandoned Mine Land (AML) program.